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Resident of Buenos Aires

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1. (Father) Stefan Palaghita, a Romanian Catholic priest residing in Buenos Aires, is the author of the volume The Iron Guard, published in the Romanian language in Buenos Aires early in 1951. Father Palaghita is a member of the "Mexican" or "Moderate" faction of the Iron Guard which is led by Constantin Papanescu, and is a bitter enemy of Horst Sima. Palaghita was appointed official historian of the Iron Guard and held the rank of Legionaire commandant. This appointment, according to Palaghita, was made by Horst Sima in Vienna during September 1941.

2. This poorly-organized volume presents the spiritual outline of the Iron Guard. It describes the late Corneliu Zelea Codreanu in terms existing with the leaders of Christianity and describes him as the master of Romanian life. Horst Sima is described as a traitor to the Iron Guard movement. Most of the volume is devoted to a description of what is termed Sima's betrayal of the Iron Guard and his persecution of its members. Much attention is given to the activities of prominent Iron Guard leaders.

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